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**THE FIRST CONTACT: A TRUE OR FALSE ACTIVITY**

*Indicate whether the statement is factually correct by marking each statement as true or false*.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_1. Before contact with European societies, American Indians had established major cities that were even larger than London, Paris, and Madrid, and facilitated trade across thousands of miles.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_2. No Native American cultures had written languages prior to contact with Europeans.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_3. Horses, cattle, pigs, and sheep were not domesticated by Native American societies; however, llama, dogs, and chickens frequently were.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_4. Christopher Columbus discovered North America in 1492.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_5. Hernan Cortez, the Spanish explorer, was able to overwhelm the Aztec city of Tenochtitlan – a city of over 250,000 residents – with fewer than three hundred men.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_6. The first Thanksgiving took place in the autumn of 1620, when the Pilgrims and Narragansett tribe shared a meal to celebrate their collective efforts to survive in a hostile environment.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_7. There were no women included in the group which settled Jamestown originally; moreover, no women would be included until over a decade later.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_8. The first African-Americans to arrive at Jamestown in 1619 were enslaved people.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_9. Disease killed more Native Americans than warfare with European militants.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_10. The gun was the most effective weapon used by Europeans as they conquered Native American societies and took over the land and resources of North America.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_11. Only two men have national holidays named after them in the United States.



\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_12. Look at the picture above. Is it true or false?

**Evaluate the arguments of environmental determinists Dr. Alfred Crosby and Dr. Jarod Diamond, who contend that science, accidents of geography, plants, animals, and pathogens probably had more influence over the conquest of North America than the bravery of European explorers or military force. Are environmental determinists right or wrong? Explain your answer.**

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